

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 3252-01
BILL NO.: HB 1508
SUBJECT: Crimes and Punishment; Telecommunications
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 1, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None	(less than \$100,000)	(less than \$100,000)	(less than \$100,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	(less than \$100,000)	(less than \$100,000)	(less than \$100,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the Attorney General**, the **Office of State Courts Administrator**, and the **Department of Public Safety – Missouri State Highway Patrol** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Office of Prosecution Services (OPS)** assume the proposal could increase the workload of certain county prosecutors; however, OPS assumes that any impact would be minimal and could be absorbed with existing resources.

Officials from the **Office of the State Public Defender (SPD)** assume that existing staff could provide representation for the 5 to 10 cases arising where indigent persons are charged with interstate harassment. However, passage of more than one similar proposal could require the SPD to request increased appropriations to cover the cumulative cost of representing the indigent accused.

Oversight assumes the provision which changes the crime of harassment from a misdemeanor charge to a felony charge could have a fiscal impact on the Department of Corrections. Costs would likely be less than \$100,00 annually.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
General Revenue	(less than	(less than	(less than
Costs-Department of Corrections	\$100,000)	\$100,000)	\$100,000)

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2001 (10 Mo.)	FY 2002	FY 2003
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

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The proposal would make it a class D felony for an offender from outside the state of Missouri to commit the crime of harassment. Currently, harassment is a class A misdemeanor for all offenders.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Attorney General
Office of State Courts Administrator
Department of Public Safety – Missouri State Highway Patrol
Office of Prosecution Services
Office of the State Public Defender



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